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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL B, AT NOVEMBER 13 MBFR WG MEETING, US
REP CIRCULATED EXPLANATIONS AND BREADKOWN OF U.S. FIGURES FOR
HUNGARY (SEE REFTEL A).

2. CHAIRMAN DATA SUBGROUP HAS NOW CIRCULATED, AIDE MEMOIRE
(SGDS)-1-73, RESUME OF NATIONAL COMMENTS ON U.S. FIGURES. PARAS
2 THROUGH 8 OF AIDE MEMOIRE FOLLOW: BEGIN TEXT.

2. THOSE COUNTRIES NOT IN A POSITION TO CONTEST THE FIGURES,
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I.E. CANADA, GREECE, ITALY, NORWAY AND TURKEY, HAVE NO OBJECTIONS
TO US FIGURES. BELGIUM WILL AGREE WITH US FIGURES IF US, UK,
AND FRG ARE IN AGREEMENT.

3. DENMARK AGREES TO US FIGURES FOR SGF, BUT CONSIDERS US FIGURES FOR HUNGARIAN MANPOWER AND TANKS TOO LOW. DENMARK ALSO AGREED TO 2 TD AND 4 MRDS IN HUNGARIAN FORCES.

4. FRG'S ASSESSMENT IS THAT:

A. HUNGARIAN FORCES CONSIST OF 2 TANK DIVS AND 4 MRDS, WITH TOTAL OF 90,000 MEN AND 1,364 TANKS, THE LATTER BEING ORGANIC TO MAJOR COMBAT UNITS AND COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS.

B. SOVIET FORCES (SGF) AMOUNT TO 64,000 MEN AND 1,080 TANKS IN COMBAT UNITS.

5. THE NETHERLANDS AGREE WITH US FIGURES FOR SGF BUT PREFER THE FIGURES GIVEN IN MC 224/73(DRAFT) FOR HUNGARIAN TANKS. IN THE OPINION OF THE NETHERLANDS THE US ESTIMATE OF HUNGARIAN MANPOWER IS TOO LOW.

6. THE UK SUPPORT THE US ASSESSMENT OF HUNGARIAN DIVISIONS

AS BEING 1 TANK DIVISION AND 5 MRDS AND ACCEPT THE US PERSONNEL FIGURES FOR BOTH SGF AND HUNGARIAN MANPOWER AS WELL AS THE US ASSESSMENT OF THE NUMBER OF MEDIUM TANKS IN SGF. HOWEVER, UK SEES NO REASON TO DEPART FROM FIGURES OF 186 TANKS IN EACH HUNGARIAN MRD AND 310 TANKS IN EACH TANK DIVISON AS AGREED TO AT 224 CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER.

7. IN SUMMARY, FRG DISAGREES WITH US FIGURES CONCERNING SOVIET FORCES MANPOWER STRENGTH IN HUNGARY ASSESSING THE STRENGTH TO BE 64,000 MEN RATHER THAN THE US ESTIMATE OF 80,700, WHEREAS DENMARK, FRG, THE NETHERLANDS, AND UK DISPUTE US FIGURES RELATING TO HUNGARIAN FORCES AS BEING TOO LOW. ONLY UK SUPPORT US ASSESSMENT THAT HUNGARIANS HAVE 1 TANK DIVISION AND 5 MOTOR RIFLE DIVISIONS.

8. NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE TO DRAFT NATO FIGURES BASED ON
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MC 224 INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS NATIONAL AUTHORITIES REACH AGREEMENT BY DISCUSSING SUBJECT AT A SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE. END TEXT.

3. NETHERLANDS (ANNEX A) AND (ANNEX B, HAND WRITTEN) COMMENTS HAVE BEEN ATTACHED AS ANNEXES.

4. TWO COPIES OF AIDE MEMOIRE PLUS ANNEXES HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO WASHINGTON AND VIENNA. RUMSFELD

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